



KING COUNTY  
FLOOD CONTROL  
DISTRICT



**King County**



South Fork Snoqualmie  
Corridor Plan  
July 2015





Levee overtopping  
and seepage



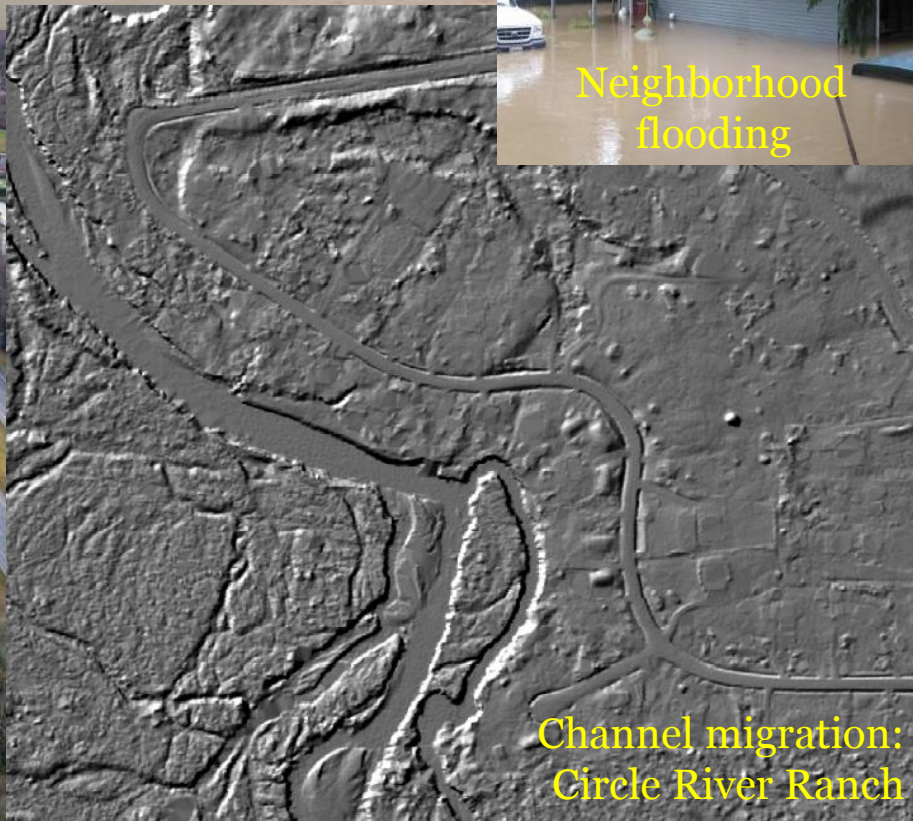
Road flooding



Neighborhood  
flooding



Flooding near I-90:  
Potential for interstate  
closure



Channel migration:  
Circle River Ranch



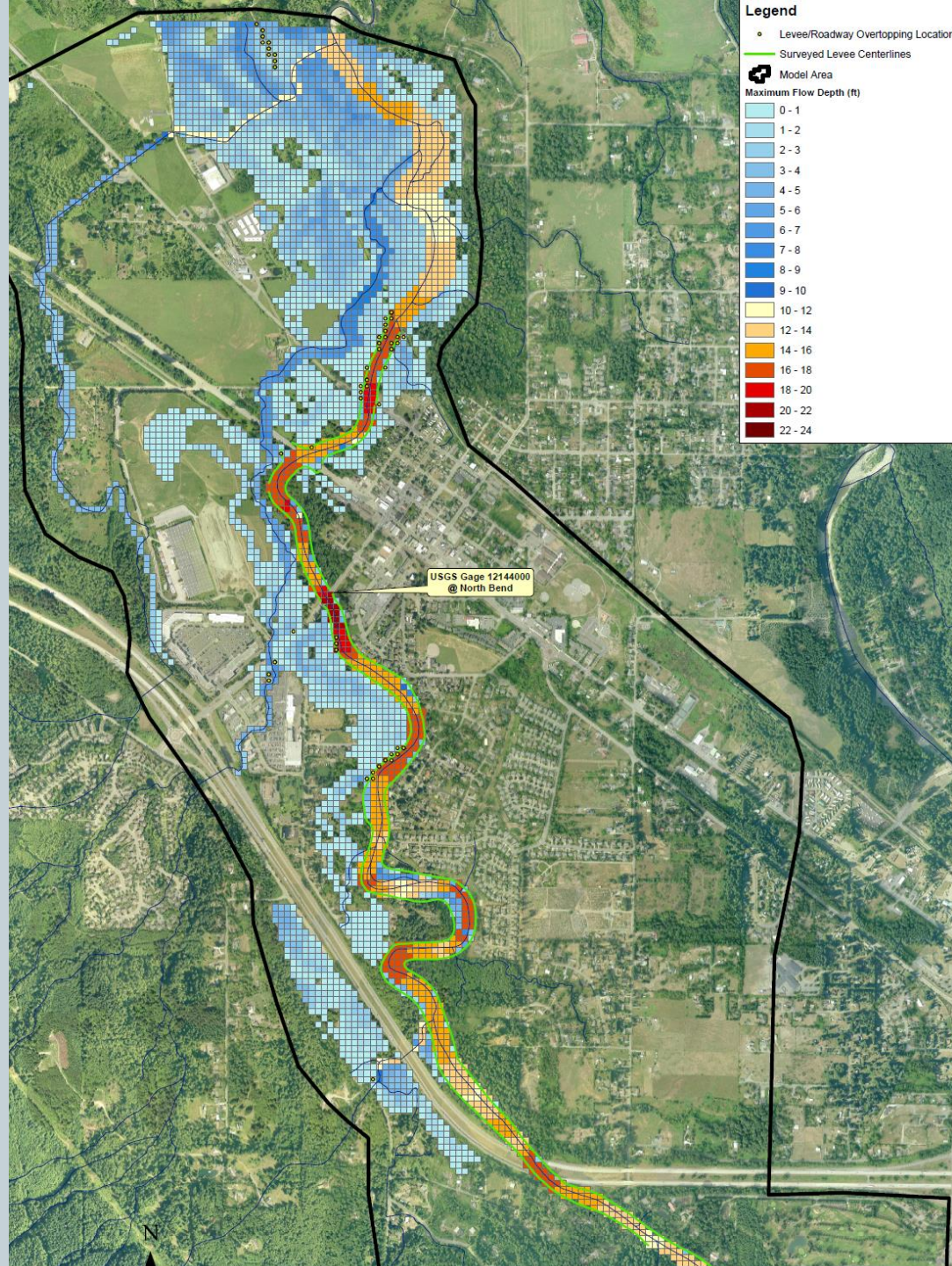
# Key Issues

- 1960s levees overtop and have structural problems
- Different flood protection levels on left & right banks
- Potential for I-90 flooding
- Channel migration hazards in Circle River Ranch (30 structures)
- Gravel build up between levees
- Poor ecological conditions

Flood Impacts	100-yr	500-yr
Flow (cfs)	15,650	19,120
Structures	144	778
AV (\$million)	53.8	147.9
Roads (mi.)	5.4	14.8
Acres	368	778



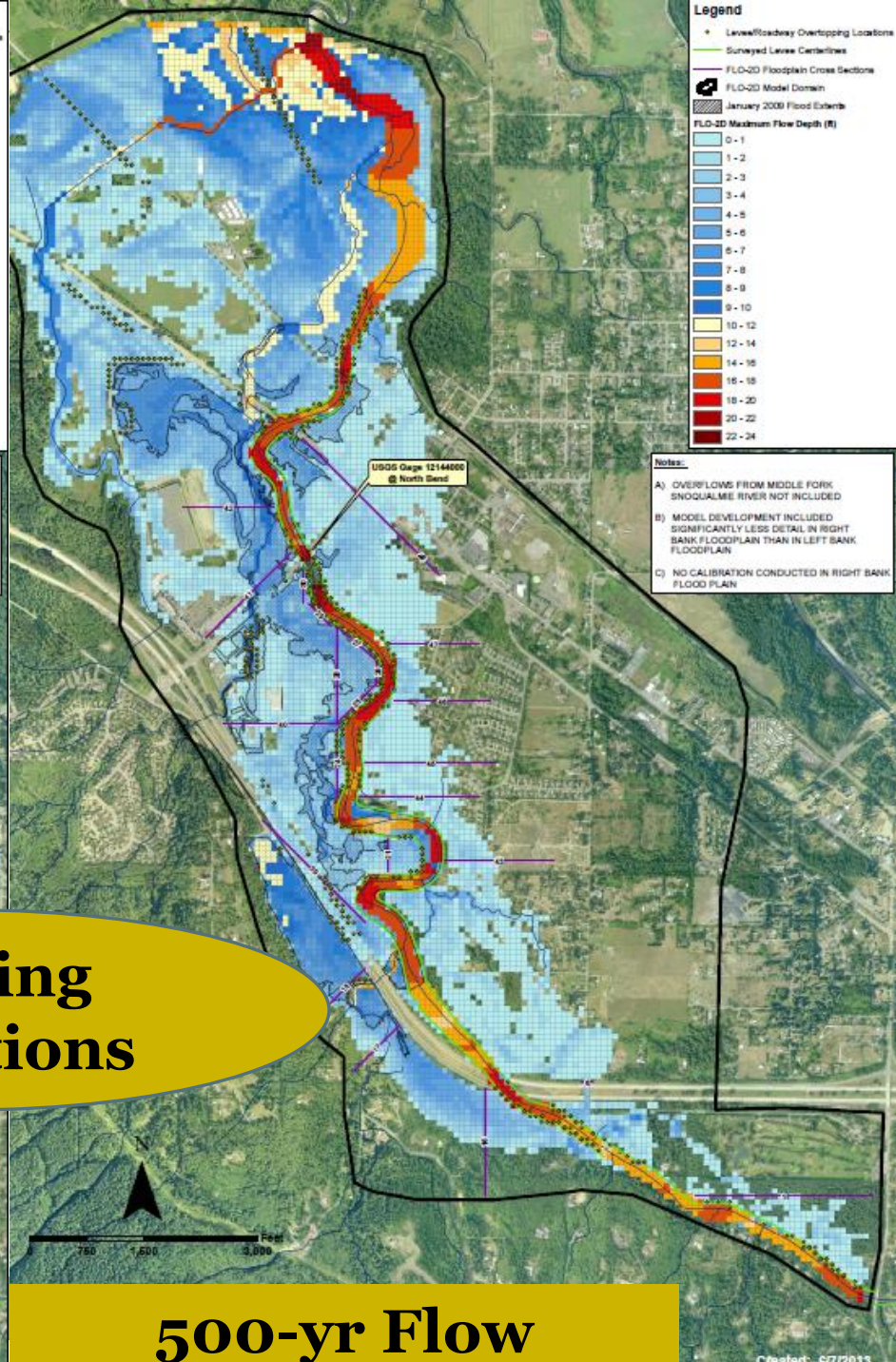
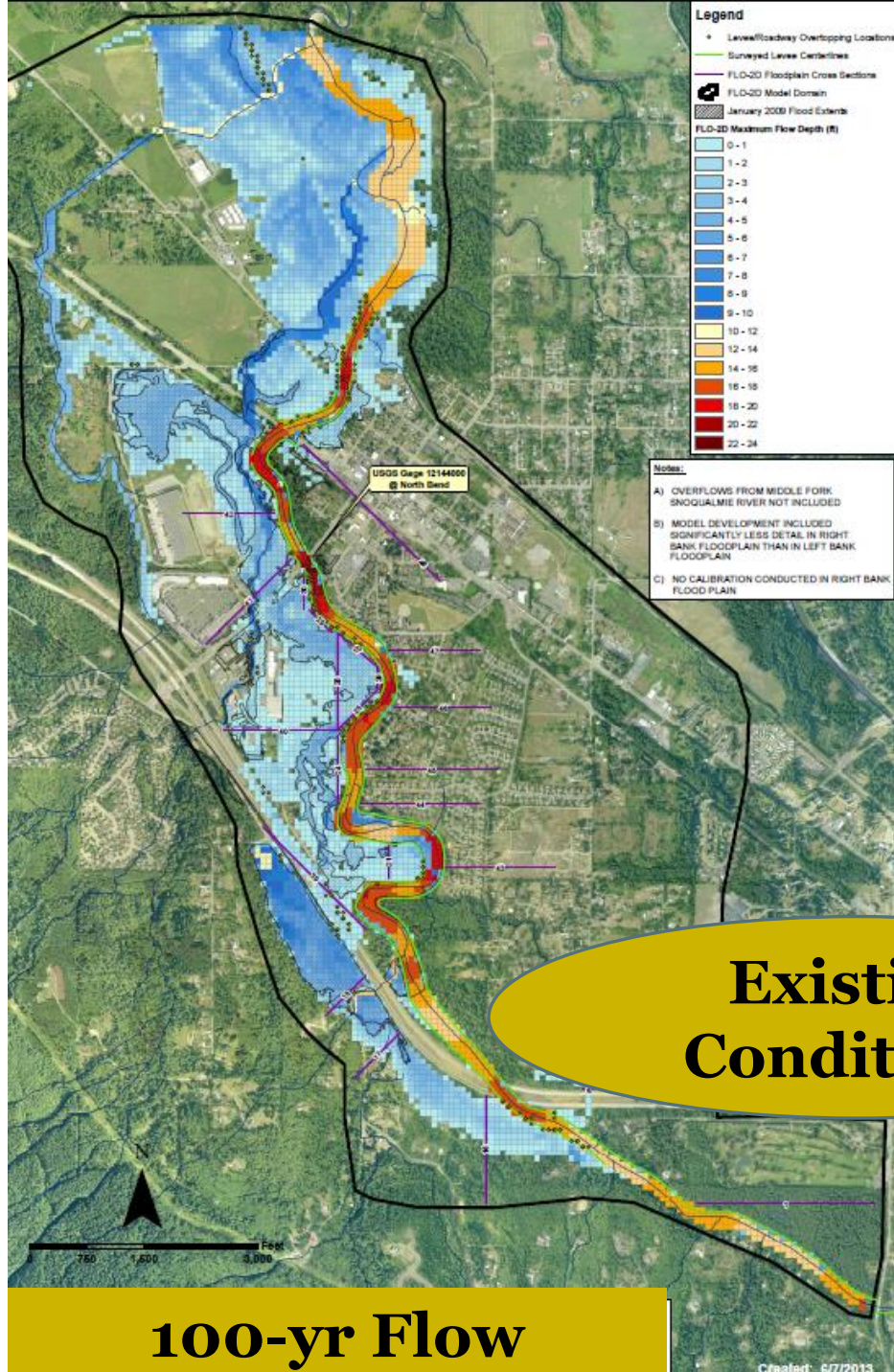




# November 2006 Flood Event

## Hydraulic Model Calibration







# Adopted Corridor Plan Goals



## Goal 1: Reduce Risks

- 500 year flood protection if feasible
- Eliminate high and moderate geotechnical problems
- Mitigate channel migration risk over 50 years

## Goal 2: Improve natural environment

- Improve instream aquatic habitat
- Improve riparian habitat

## Goal 3: Reduce long-term costs

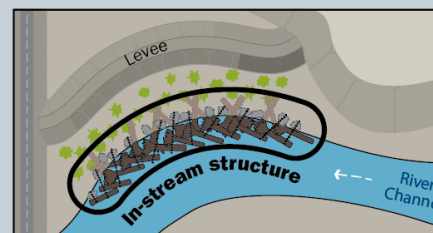
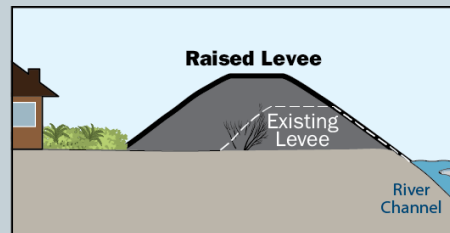
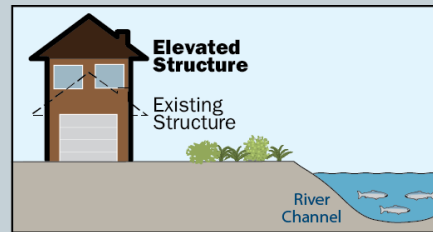
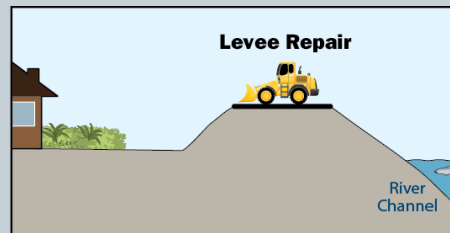
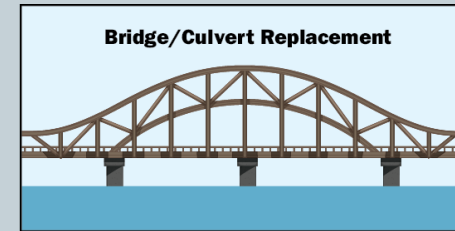
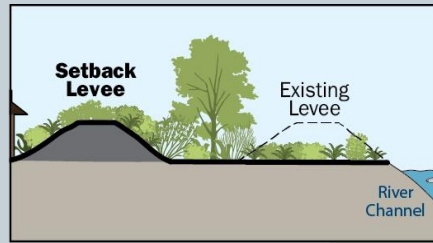
- Sustainable cost-effective solutions
- Reduce long-term maintenance & repair costs by 30%

## Goal 4: Incorporate stakeholder and community values

- Provide equitable outcomes
- Incorporate multiple objectives through involvement

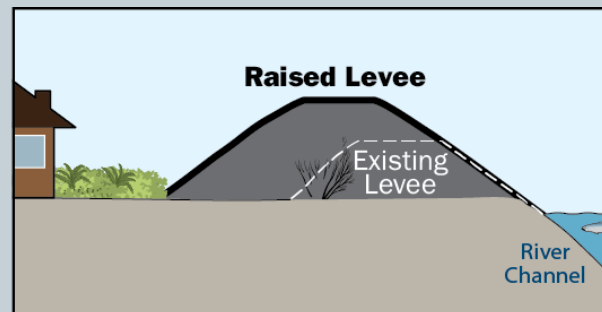
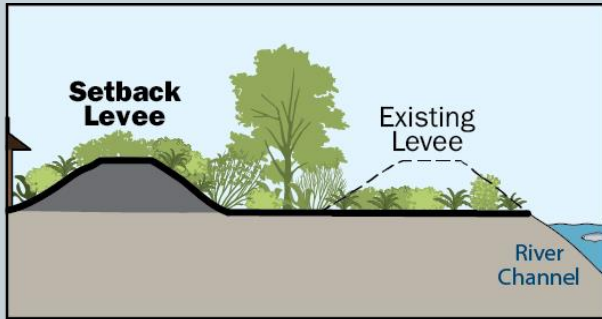


# Adopted Tools





# Adopted Corridor Approaches to Evaluate



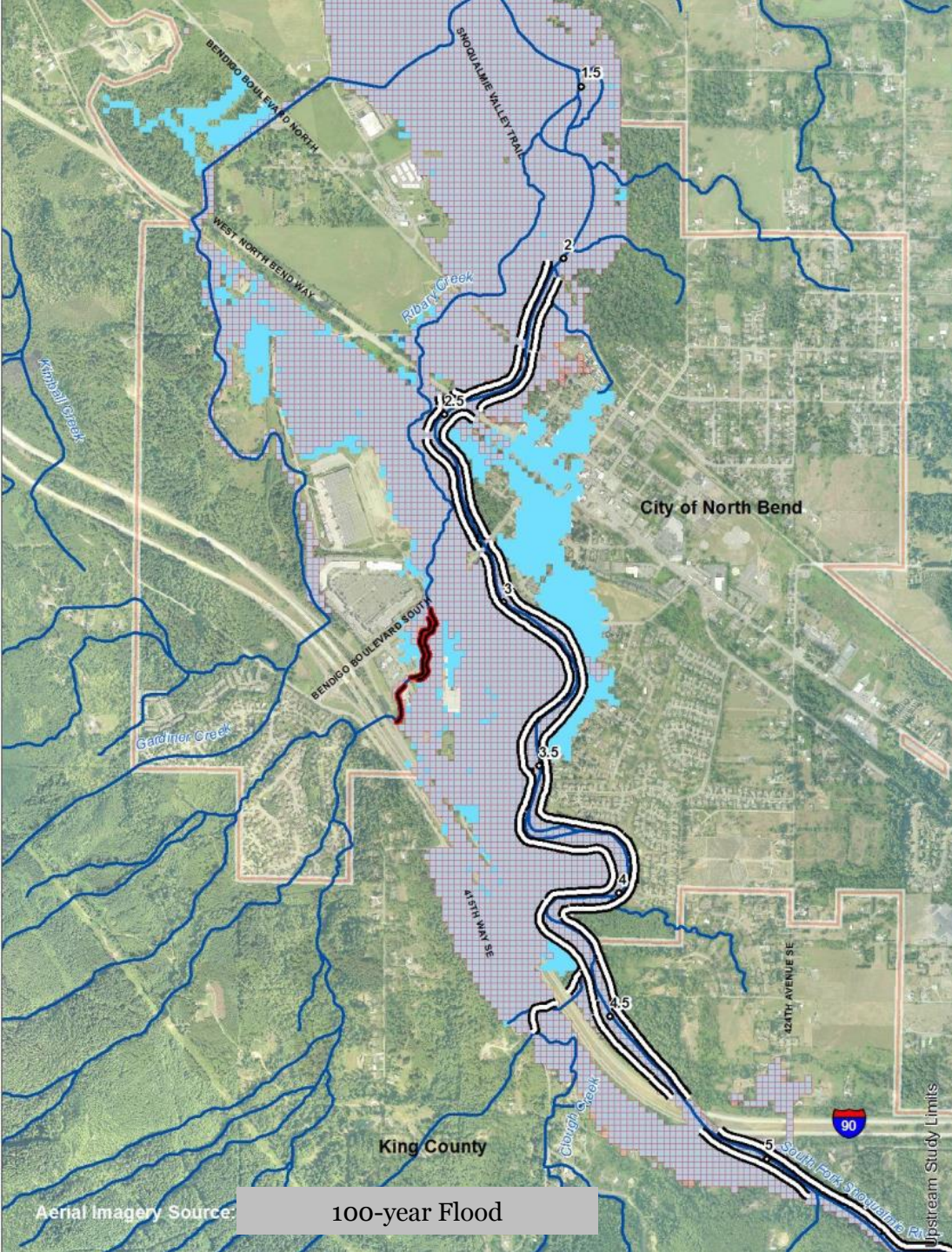
Evaluated each approach based on metrics derived from the adopted corridor goals

## Conclusions:

- Each has advantages and drawbacks
- A hybrid approach can use the best features of each and best combination of tools at each site



# Maintain Existing Management Practices



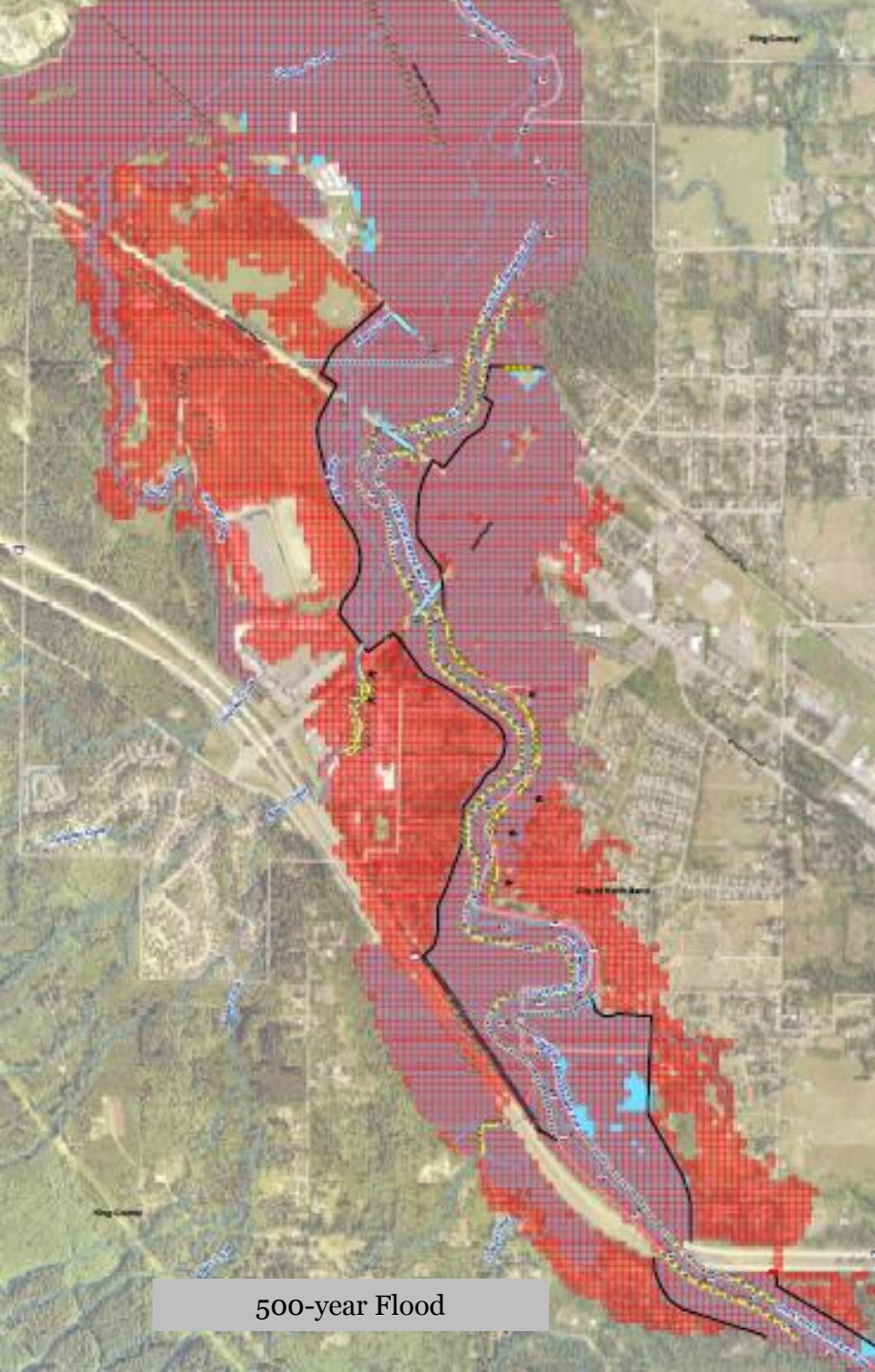
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# Levee Setback Approach



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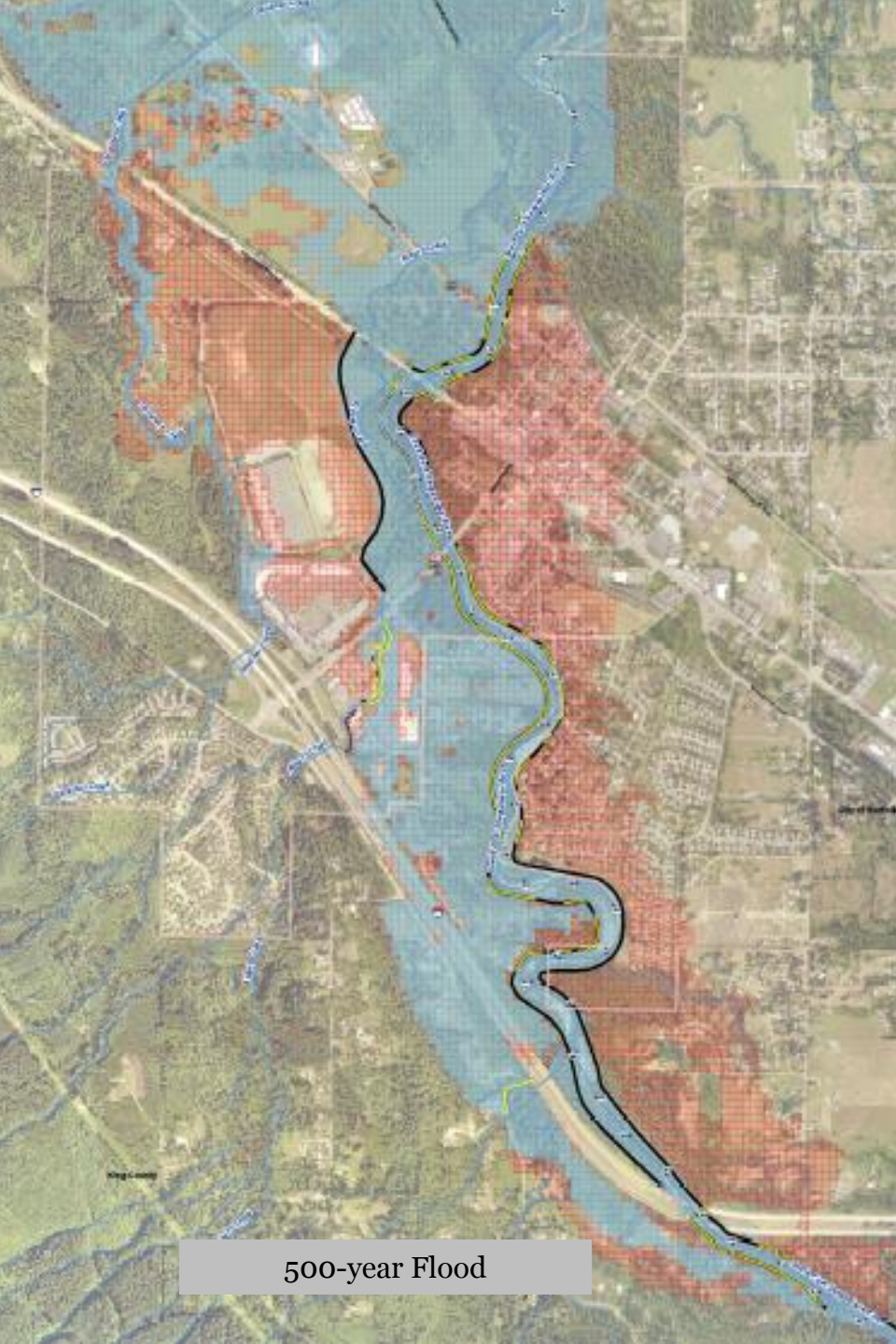
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# Raise Levees In Place



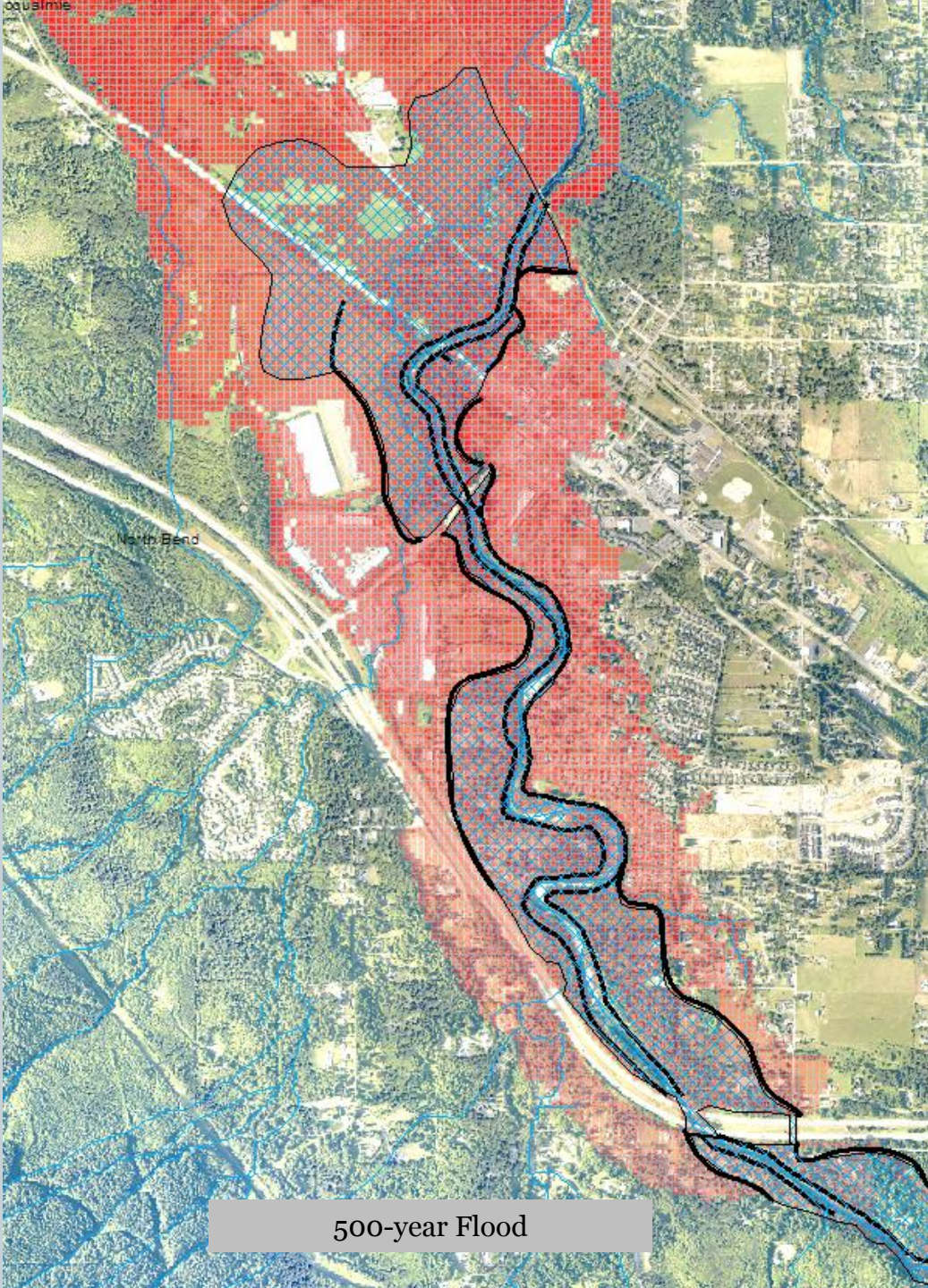
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# Comparing Approaches

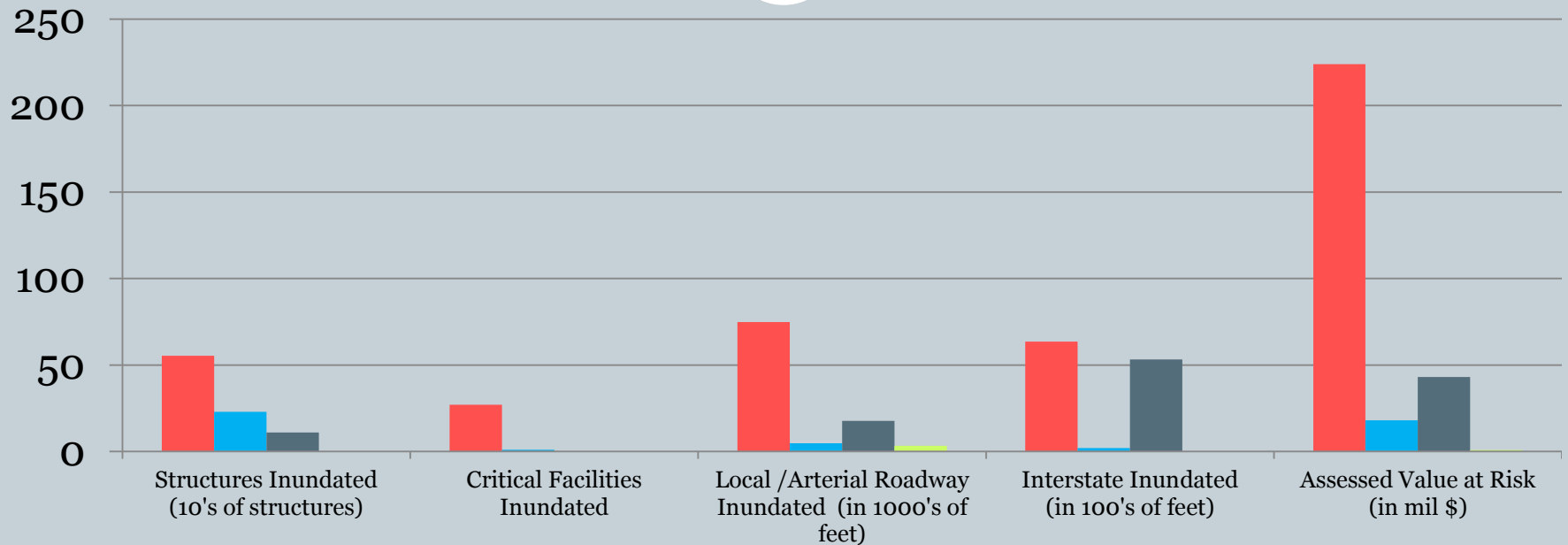
## Evaluation Metrics



- **Ability to reduce risks**
  - Solve geotechnical problems
  - Solve hydraulic problems
  - Manage or accommodate sediment
- **Ability to improve ecological conditions**
  - Increases in floodplain connectivity
  - Increase in velocity refuges for fish
- **Cost effectiveness**
  - Implementation costs
  - Projected maintenance and repair costs
- **Consistency with stakeholder interests**
  - Multi-objective benefits
  - Limit downstream impacts
  - Gravel management
  - Effects on recreation/ trails access



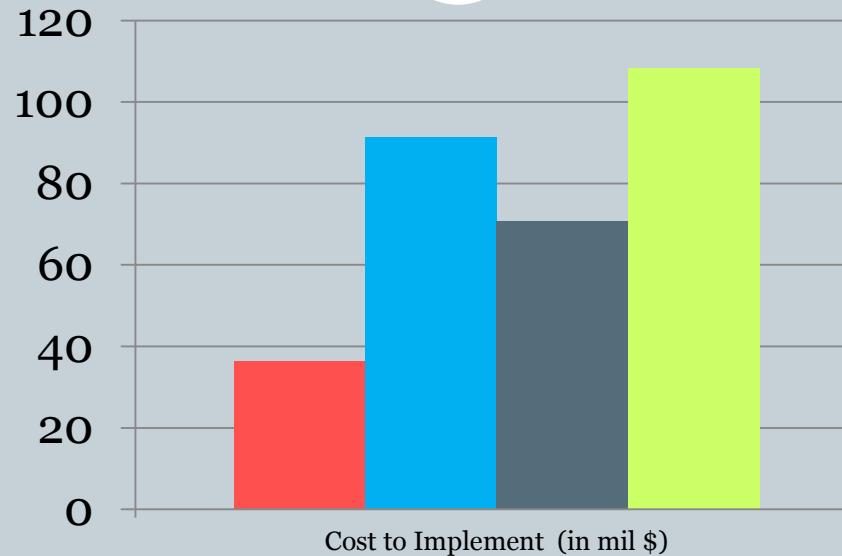
# Comparison of Benefits



- Maintain Existing Management Practices
- Corridor Wide Levee Setbacks
- Raise Levees In Place
- Hybrid Approach



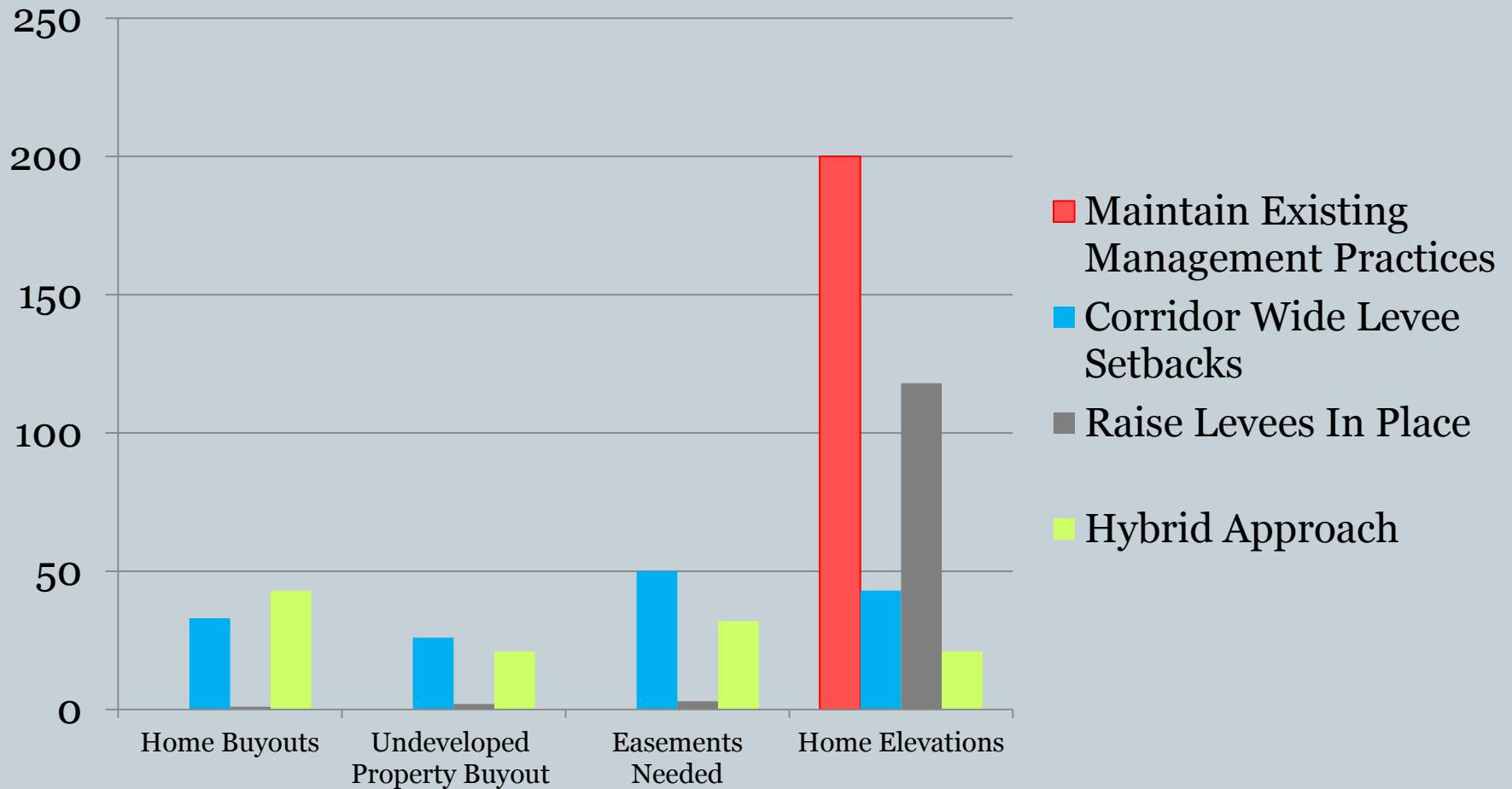
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# Comparison of Property Impacts





# Next Steps on Corridor Plan



Community input

Executive Committee and Board decision on corridor approach

Finalize and approve corridor plan

- Flood Control District Approval (4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2015)
- County Council adoption (1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2016?)

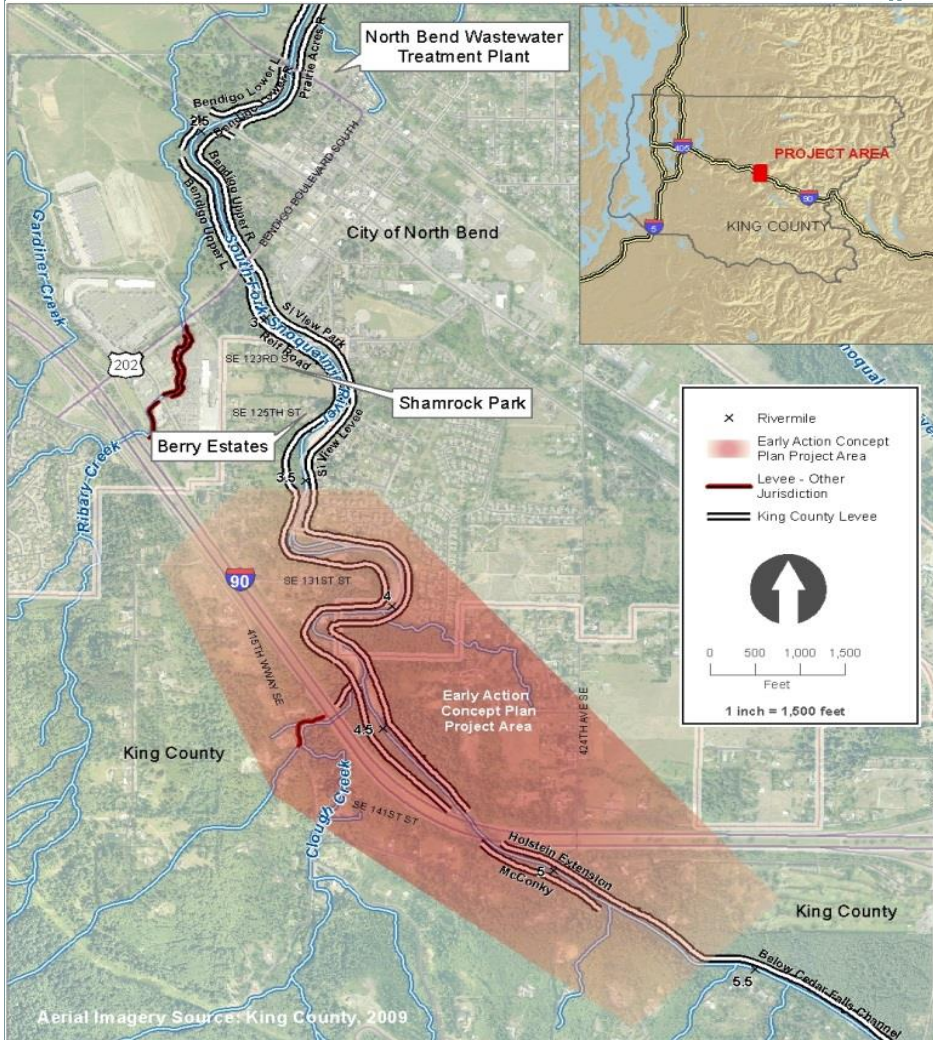


# I-90 Flood Risk Reduction (Early Action Project)





# I-90 Flood Risk Reduction Project



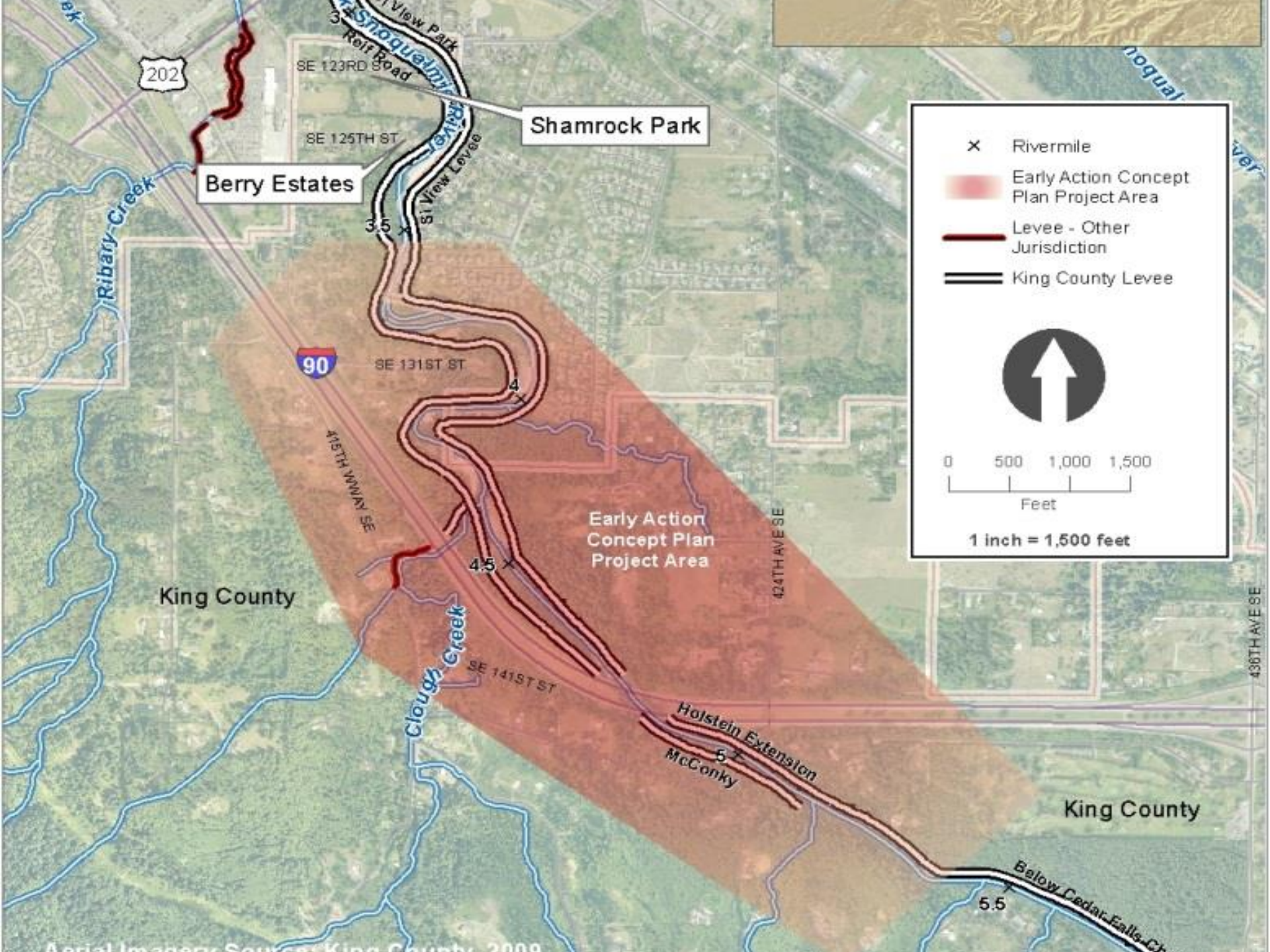
Predicted flood waters to overtop Interstate 90

Project initiated through Flood Control District Resolution 2013-14 with no scope definition

Scope has been refined by evaluating several concepts as precursor to alternatives analysis

Preliminary finding is Si View Levee Setback is likely a necessary core element of a successful alternative







# Questions? Comments?

